

DDA Registry  
File 0 + M - 6

8 December 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CIA History Staff

SUBJECT : Anticipated TDY

REFERENCE : MR from J. B. Pfeiffer, 21 Oct 75, sub: TDY,  
14-17 Oct 75

1. During the course of my interview with Richard M. Bissell on the Bay of Pigs operation (see referenced MR of 21 Oct 75) he indicated a number of additional principals in the operation whom I should interview for purposes of a better understanding of the management of the operation, training, equipment, tactics, inter- and intra-Agency relationships, tactical and strategic concepts, communications problems, and interpersonal relations. Some information on these and other topics was subsequently obtained during my TDY from 9-14 Nov 75 during interviews with Jake Esterline, [redacted] Esterline, in particular [redacted] also emphasized that it was essential that I interview the individuals who had the basic

[redacted]

3. This memorandum was prepared at the suggestion of [redacted] (EO/DDA) in response to my question concerning

the availability of travel money. I would emphasize that I do not anticipate the need for any further travel outside of the Headquarters area once the individuals mentioned in Par. 2 have been interviewed. Such other interviews as I plan are with retirees who, to the best of my knowledge, have remained in the Headquarters area - [REDACTED]

STAT

STAT

4. If possible, I hope that I can get an O. K. on the suggested TDY so that I can get letters for the potential interviewees in the mail by the end of this week or by early next week.

[REDACTED]

STAT

/s/ Jack B. Pfeiffer

Distribution:

O&1 - Adse

2 - [REDACTED]

2 - JBP

STAT

STAT

Approved For Release 2003/04/29 : CIA-RDP84-00780R006400150001-7

Next 2 Page(s) In Document Exempt

Approved For Release 2003/04/29 : CIA-RDP84-00780R006400150001-7

8 December 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CIA History Staff

SUBJECT : Anticipated TDY

REFERENCE : MR from J. B. Pfeiffer, 21 Oct 75, sub: TDY,  
14-17 Oct 75

1. During the course of my interview with Richard M. Bissell on the Bay of Pigs operation (see referenced MR of 21 Oct 75) he indicated a number of additional principals in the operation whom I should interview for purposes of a better understanding of the management of the operation, training, equipment, tactics, inter- and intra-Agency relationships, tactical and strategic concepts, communications problems, and interpersonal relations. Some information on these and other topics was subsequently obtained during my TDY from 9-14 Nov 75 during interviews with Jake Esterline, [REDACTED] Esterline, in particular [REDACTED], also emphasized that it was essential that I interview the individuals who had the basic

3. This memorandum was prepared at the suggestion of [REDACTED] EO/DDA) in response to my question concerning

the availability of travel money. I would emphasize that I do not anticipate the need for any further travel outside of the Headquarters area once the individuals mentioned in Par. 2 have been interviewed. Such other interviews as I plan are with retirees who, to the best of my knowledge, have remained in the Headquarters area - [REDACTED]

STAT

STAT

4. If possible, I hope that I can get an O. K. on the suggested TDY so that I can get letters for the potential interviewees in the mail by the end of this week or by early next week.

[REDACTED]

STAT

✓ Jack B. Pfeiffer

Distribution:

O&1 - Adse

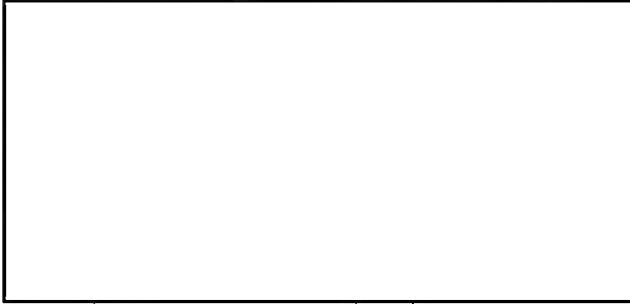
2 - [REDACTED]

2 - JBP

STAT

DD/A Registry  
File DFM 6

STAT



29 October 1975

NOTE FOR: Mr. Blake

SUBJECT : TDY Plans - Jack B. Pfeiffer

1. You asked last week what was happening in regard to Jack Pfeiffer's trip to the Caribbean and points in Florida for interviews on the Bay of Pigs operation.

2. I called Walt Elder <sup>(same time ago)</sup> who seemed to agree with me that Pfeiffer's plans were a bit expansive.

3. Walt just sent me a note dated 23 October saying that he supports Jack's plans for interviewing key officials in connection with the Bay of Pigs history, that is if funds are available. *(Funds are available.)*

4. Incidentally, Walt would like to talk to you about a possible contract for a retired Agency officer who is eager to take up the Vietnam history. *(His note is attached.)*




## Attachment:

DD/A 75-5073(w/bckgrnd DD/A 75-4722, 75-5028)

## Distribution:

Orig-Adse (DDA Subject file) w/att  
1 - RFZ Chrono w/o att

EO-DDA/  nh (29 Oct 75)

Att: Memo to DDA fr Walt Elder, CIA Historian, dtd 23 Oct 75,  
re Jack Pfeiffer's TDY plans (DD/A 75-5073)

STAT  
Why in a letter  
reception  
if I had asked  
him, he would  
have said all  
the he typed

STAT

Next 1 Page(s) In Document Exempt

Review Staff: 75/3298  
23 October 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

I support Jack Pfeiffer's plans to interview key officers in connection with the Bay of Pigs history. The good histories to date are marked by a familiarity with the principals. Histories based entirely on document research, which is also required, lack authenticity.

This history is about all the program has going for it at the moment. I'd like to keep this much momentum - if funds for his travel are available.

STAT For your information, EA has recalled [redacted] STAT  
[redacted] who had been loaned to me to do research on a possible Vietnam history. There is a retired Agency officer who is eager to take on this account. I would like to keep a handle on the Vietnam account, especially since this is a favorite of the Director's.

Could we talk about a possible contract at your convenience?

[redacted] STAT

Walter Elder  
CIA Historian



2 October 1975

DD/A Registry

File

JFM 6

MEMORANDUM FOR : Chief, CIA History Staff

SUBJECT : Travel Plans

1. As indicated in the copy of my letter to Mr. Richard M. Bissell, Jr., 16 September 1975, and in our subsequent telecon of a couple of days ago, I am beginning to arrange for interviews with various of the key personnel who were involved in the Bay of Pigs operation.

2. At present, I am still waiting for a reply to my request to see Mr. Bissell [redacted] later this month; and I have made arrangements to see Jake Esterline [redacted] on 10-12 November 1975. En route back to D. C., I expect to see [redacted] on 13 November; and Bill [redacted] on 14 November.

3. Following these sessions, I then hope to talk to [redacted] the military principals involved in the B. O. P. I am still waiting for Military Personnel Branch to supply me with current addresses for these individuals.

4. Depending in part on the results of the above interviews, it may be necessary to speak to a few other individuals who do not reside in the local area. Included among these are [redacted] Lyman Kirkpatrick, [redacted] [redacted] and McGeorge Bundy.

5. There is a final category of individuals to whom I would like to speak, but at this moment they appear to be "untouchables" -- Howard Hunt, Richard Nixon, Dean Rusk, and Fidel Castro, among others.

Dist:

O&amp;I - W. Elder

1 - [redacted]

2 - JBP

Jack B. Pfeiffer

[redacted]

CIA History Staff

INTERNAL - ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY

ILLEGIB